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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: December 12, 2016

SUBJECT: Georgia-Pacific Paper Crossett Tar Pit Excavation Inspection

On December 9, 2016, I met with John Jedrosko, contractor for GP, at the tar excavation site in Crossett, AR to inspect the process and see the tar pit area. I had spoken with Matt Tiller, GP Environmental Affairs, earlier to schedule a site visit and discuss the operations. Mr. Tiller stated he would not be on site and directed me to contact Mr. Jedrosko. After arranging a day and time to meet, I arrived at the tar pit site and met with Mr. Jedrosko. Upon arrival, Mr. Jedrosko pointed out several points of interest at the site and gave me a layout of the loading and hauling operations. Near the back corner of the excavation site, there were houses visible through the sparsely covered foliage and trees. Mr. Jedrosko signaled to the back corner and stated that was where the most odors would originate and it would smell like a charcoal grill. He showed me where the trucks were loaded and stated trucks arrive and haul out every other hour. During my time on site, I watched one truck loadout and I watched the back corner get excavated. I did not smell much of an odor, and the odor I did smell, was more reminiscent of the unearthing of dirt more than charcoal. Mr. Jedrosko stated the grilling smell was as bad as it gets and it never lasts long.

According to Mr. Tiller, the excavation began in October 2016 and originally projected finishing the work in late February/early March 2017; however, currently they are on track to finish the excavation at the end of December 2016. As stated in a previous e-mail, Mr. Tiller and Mr. Jedrosko verified the work is being performed during normal business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) with no weekend shifts. Mr. Tiller's team is monitoring the site daily with PID readings and perimeter and periodic readings in the immediate proximity of the excavating, or within 5 feet of it. According to Mr. Jedrosko they have not had any instance in which vapors have exceeded the property line. The highest reading was an area of rotten tree stumps unearthed that returned a 14 ppm reading. All other readings have been 0.0-0.2 ppm.

According to Mr. Tiller, once the trucks are loaded, they haul the debris material to WCA-Union County Recycling and Disposal Landfill in El Dorado, AR. As of December 1, 2016, the project has unearthed and disposed of approximately 25,000 tons of material.

